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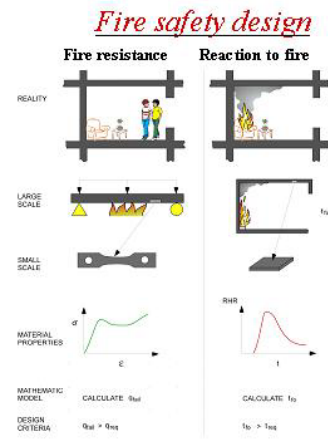
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Analysis of fire exposed structures

- Fire development – design fires
- Heat transfer to fire exposed structures
- Temperature development in structures
- Mechanical behaviour of structures

Proposals for improvements in fire resistance design

- Develop methods for measuring **thermal** properties of structural and protective materials at elevated temperature
- Develop methods for measuring **mechanical** properties of structural materials at elevated temperature
- Improve furnace testing and develop technics for monitoring deformation properties of structural elements

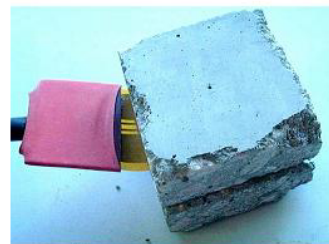
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## Proposals for improvements in fire furnace testing

- Use **Plate Thermometers** to monitor and control temperature in furnaces
- Measure the deformation properties of structural elements during fire test exposure

## Temperature control of furnaces



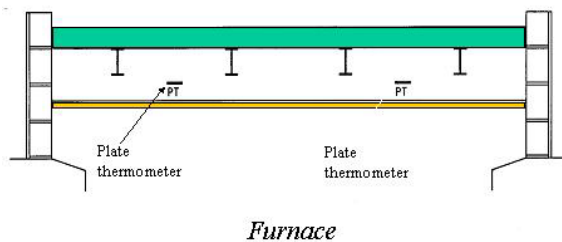
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## The Plate Thermometer yields better temperature control of furnaces



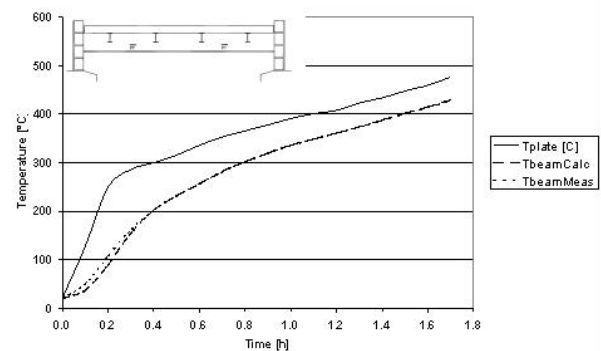
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## Plate thermometer measurements

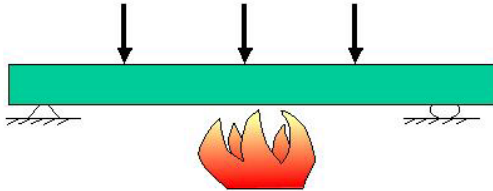


Furnace

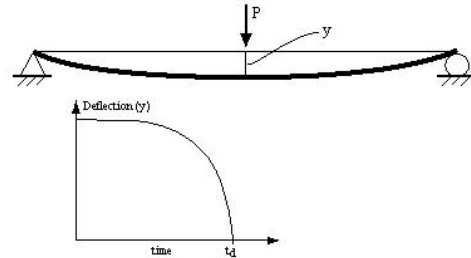
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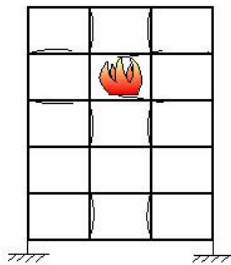
Test model in standard test



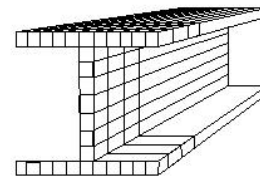
Standard testing of a loadbearing beam yields only the fire endurance time



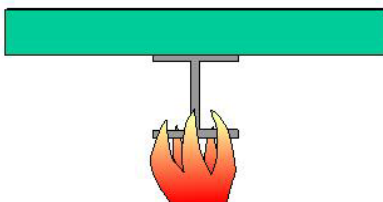
A global analysis requires member deformation properties



Finite element modelling



Composite structure



Get the deformation properties during fire testing

